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Friday night, the Lady Redskins let one get away against Omaha-Marion.

That didn't happen Saturday.

The Lady Redskins ran away with a third place finish at the Newton Invitational over Rose Hill, 68-51.

The win advanced Liberal's record to 11-1 on the season.

Liberal connected on a season high seven three-pointers. Hannah Rotolo made five of those on six attempts.

Rotolo led the Lady Redskins with 23 points, Kayla Payton had 13, Kiara Cohens scored 10, LaTonya Gooden added eight, Tameka Sanchez scored six, and MaKayla McPhail had five.

After losing the night before and not scoring in the fourth quarter against Omaha-Marion, Neb., Liberal coach Shane Stout had a concern on how his team might respond.

“Friday’s game was a tough loss, and we took it hard,” he said. “It was emotional. But I was proud of how the girls responded Saturday.

We came out and played smart with intensity and enthusiasm.”

Two years ago, Liberal lost in the semis of the Colby tournament and then was “destroyed” in the third place game according to Stout.

That didn’t happen at Newton.

“We have a lot to play for,” Stout said. “Every win helps with post season. It was a big win. That tournament was loaded. To go 2-1 is a nice accomplishment.”

Liberal will return to conference play Tuesday at Dodge City and will continue their road trip Friday at Great Bend.